

11/15/72

Dear Js,

Today's mail is heavy and there is much preparation for the trip that begins in early a.m. While I hate to leave Lil alone for so long, she has suggested that I take all the time I can and do as much as I can while I am away. This may mean that I'll stay in Dallas until the 5th, for as of now I have to leave then for a Wisconsin speech for which my expenses will be paid and I'll get a slight honorarium. I'll be getting out of H.O. as fast as possible, for reasons I think you understand, and there is much I can do in Dallas and I do have a pad there. So, I've gone over your mailing of the 11th, put aside what is to be read, and if I don't get to go over it before leaving, will read on plane, and mail ~~home~~ home from Knoxville. I'll be responding as I make first reading. I'll be leaving p.m. to look one more place for Sony tapes with sensor and mailing so I won't have to take time for that in early a.m.

Ur10: No response EMK's AA. But I think what little chance there was of Marshall okaying is now dead, and we are thus saved a disaster. Terror: this has always been part of my belief, and with EMK it is virtually unhidden. There is an added and ignored factor, that they are the creatures of those with a vested interest in what they know, believe and will consider. My brethren have been indulging prejudice and emotion, have no experience with the workings of bureaucracy, and to the best of my recollection, not one has switched roles, put himself in the place on any K, beginning with Bobby. This is one of the crises witnessed, who was determined to pillory them in the guise of friendship, incredible as this may seem for a man who has decided to lay aside his thesis on ethics! I wish you could go further into that confidence, which I have other reasons for crediting, but do not encourage it, knowing the preciousness of this to our craft. But it could illuminate and be helpful. If you'd like, consider the entourage attitude to LBJ in this connection. You are correct on Krakow, but you forget San Fernando State. In all other cases it has been the trusting of the honorable men bit, which I agree is their best, really almost their only position. No K can survive a Presidency in which there remains a single unmasked or unanswered? about at least the JFK case. Think of this a bit and you'll see their position better. And what I've paid for it. With EMK add a strong family feeling/bond and that he is the sole surviving male.

Je's(?) cut notes: Marlboro has so many retail outlets, they can save the advertising cost where they do not have an enormous supply and where they think they can seal over-the counter. I must admit I am baffled by the remaindering. I've not sent you carbons off the OGD corres. on this, but they deny and I have a friend who bought one at Barnes & Noble for \$1.00. Marlboro told him they'd remaindered most at \$3.00, which is rather high, in their NYC or one of their NYC stores alone. They could be wrong. But it is something I can't now resolve or spend time worrying about.

Noguchi as ex: since then I've gotten a clip from the Nat Enquirer referring to him as ex but not saying when, why or how he left. If you don't have answer by time my return, remind and I'll send this. I have no further info. No explanation....Busch: I have CHS copy, which contains what is not in any clip I've seen and as a commentary on current reporting, it pretends the bullet removed from the 6 or 7 cervical vertebra is the fatal! If I get full text, will stat....10/7 says it is Je, as type indicated....NYC cops/links: interest limited. I'll be doing an intro to Agent Oswald on informants, and in the course of spasmodic thinking about that while occupied with other things, it occurred to me that at some time there might be a popularization of SPY in informants, going back to the bible, the blowing of the horn, and with modern emphasis. I think it could go. But I don't really need more on NYC cops. I've got some pretty farout stuff, including JEB's radicalizing of his own. A bit was in WOUF, including one who blew his cover before the HUAC! Red to Je Jr, Lil is making progress and may mail in my absence. Just a couple of inches to go, then the washes, etc. I'm not asking her intentions, for this is her project. If she sends before I return, I'll regret not seeing the whole thing after flattening. For while some of it is not as she'd planned, I rather like it....The small note attached to this encourages

that I do my own thing. The few compromises of the past have been disasters, so this time I had no problem not considering even the slightest departure. I've not sent you all of this but if I had, you'd have been aghast. I had no choice. It was one of the easier if more costly decisions.

11/9: Vantage point. Not important, but thanks....Roberts: not really important, but he is now national editor, which means fairly dependable flink credentials, and he had offered going friend notes is he could find. As of two days ago, nix....JER/Wallace/Mutual now solves. Plagiarism, inc. UPI, from a story by a friend I'd backgrounded in Chi and he interviewed PF by phone. I have his (valuable) notes not used in story. UPI put "piston" dateline on it, But Foreman was in Chi putting another client away!

What I hope can be a last word on the Ned pain: his original proposal was that he edit and consense the three parts of PM, written over a period of 5 yrs. The first part was done before our second wave, had been edited by another friend and retyped before the appearance of Tink's and SM's books, the second, then called III, was written in a couple of weeks, literally, and of course this presents serious problems of organization, etc., so I was quite happy. Because the proposal included paying for a printing of the unabridged work (his was to be limited to what could sell for \$5.000 and would face-fall without back-stopping), and because the unabridged is really overwhelming, I loved the idea. He is loaded (Weyerhaeuser, General Mills heir), I had no reason not to trust (friend of close friend), and I'd begin the writing of an intro to unab. setting forth the problems of the whole thing and explaining why that edition appears as written, and the timing, etc., which could overcome the liabilities if not in normal commercial format. When I return, in between the many things I'll have to cope with, I'll try and finish this. The government has not surprisingly double-crossed on the pretense of negotiating an out-of-court settlement on our damage suit and that will have to be priority when I get back. It can not only mean much to use, but also to others. What is little known is that I have established one of the precedents in noise ecology and this permits broadening it, which puts a heavy load, aside from our selfish interests, upon me. And I am pro se, having been double-crossed by lawyers (Warren's best of one of his best friends and his former law clerks, Edward Bennett Williams and Peter Taft). To make this more comprehensible and less paranoid-seeming, the law prohibits what we can't offer anyway, taking a retainer is such a suit and the lawyer's cut to 20%. They never take their shoes off to count, so while they'll all take \$5,000 cases at 33%, they never figure the cut on say at \$250,000 suits at 20%. Incredible, but I've been through so many, it is consistent. The single exception, an impressive conservative, stipulated what I couldn't swing, depositions vice interrogatories.

Ned again! We did have an agreement. He started modifying it as soon as we reached it, unilaterally, and told himself it was because his own integrity was involved! Need more?

Nixonier Gettysburg: Great! I'm sending to the most junior of us, to whom I've given all my S-Asia files. He may find an ultimate use.

x Goff's: unreported here. One of like name, former preacher, well known from previous MISC hostroy, apparently different buy, preacher. Desmond also unreported here.

Chou-Nasser: unfortunately, too little of what should remain in head does. I think my point and interest was in hostage angle, for I am certain it was JCS plan to provoke Chinese attack on US men in Asia, and this would indicate Chou awareness. You will see in TIGER, On dope, etc., no possible disagreement, as on other social things. As I recall, this was my only real interest. If we discuss this again, I'll be filling under Tiger, JCS. I also have subject/filing problems!

Galbraith, not reading now. He is chicken on JFK-ass. I've been in touch. He was to contact when in DC, as of three years ago. Never happened.

Best regards,